

*Informal translation*

## **Invitation Seminar ‘Diversity in Early Childhood Education ‘**

24 March 2010, 13.00-17.00 hrs, Utrecht

Diversity is a priority issue at education and child care institutions and at local and national authorities. How to live together, how to create belonging, and how to respect each others diversity? – inside and outside provisions? The project ‘*Diversity in Early Childhood Education*’ is part of the National Pedagogical Framework 0-12 years and highlights the social function of Early Childhood Education. The project is lead by Elly Singer (University Utrecht) and Anke van Keulen (Bureau MUTANT), and is financed by the Bernard van Leer Foundation. During the seminar we will be inspired by the experiences and knowledge of colleagues from the European Network DECET, in which ECC institutions in 10 European countries cooperate.

The seminar is meant for policy makers, board members, civil servants, trainers and managers in ECC.

### **Contributions**

**Prof Dr Michel Vandebroek** , University Ghent: Diversity and Democracy. The advantages of difference and disagreement.

**Prof Dr Christa Preissing**, Freie Universität Berlin: Diversity in the *Berliner Bildungsprogramme*, a *integral (holistic) programme for child care centres*.

**Regine Schallenberg-Diekmann**, director INA Kindergarten, Berlin: *Implementation of the Berliner Bildungsprogramme in Berlin child care centres*.

### **Panel:**

**Colette Murray**, Edenn network Ireland: Diversity as integrated part in the new Irish *Early Years Framework*, Aistear;

**Sissy Vafeas**, Schedia, Athens, Greece: *Community building and respect for diversity*;

**Anke van Keulen**, Bureau MUTANT: *Respect for diversity as part of the National Pedagogical Framework 0-12 years in the Netherlands*;

**Michel Vandebroek**, University Ghent; **Christa Preissing**, Freie Universität Berlin; **Regine Schallenberg- Diekmann**; director INA Kindergarten, Berlin.

### **Programme**

The conference is organized by Bureau MUTANT, Child Care International, University Utrecht  
Chairperson: Anja Hol, ChildCare International

**13.00 - 13.30 Entrance**

**13.30 - 13.45 Welcome , introduction project *Diversity in Early Childhood Education*’**

**13.45 - 15.15 Contributions** Michel Vandebroek, University Ghent; Christa Preissing, Freie Universität Berlin; Regine Schallenberg- Diekmann; director INA Kindergarten, Berlin.

**15.15 - 15.45 Break**

**15.45 - 17.00 Panel and discussion facilitated by** Elly Singer, University Utrecht

**Plaats:** Griftpark 1, Blauwkapelseweg 30, 3572 KC Utrecht 030 2716699 [www.griftpark1.nl](http://www.griftpark1.nl)

**The seminar is English spoken.**